

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On December 10, 2018, the FDIC requested comment for 60 days on a proposal to renew the information collections

described below.¹ No comments were received. The FDIC hereby gives notice of its plan to submit to OMB a request to approve the renewal of this information collection, and again invites comment on the renewal.

Proposal to renew the following currently approved collection of information:

1. Title: Procedures for Monitoring Bank Protection Act Compliance.

OMB Number: 3064–0095.

Form Number: None.

Affected Public: Insured state nonmember banks.

Burden Estimate:

SUMMARY OF ANNUAL BURDEN

Information collection description	Type of burden	Obligation to respond	Estimated number of respondents	Estimated frequency of responses	Estimated time per response (hours)	Estimated annual burden (hours)
Bank Protection Act Compliance Program.	Recordkeeping ...	Mandatory	3,533	Annually5	1,766.5
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General Description of Collection: The collection requires insured state nonmember banks to comply with the Bank Protection Act and to review bank security programs. The Bank Protection Act of 1968 (12 U.S.C. 1881–1884) requires each Federal supervisory agency to promulgate rules establishing minimum standards for security devices and procedures to discourage financial crime and to assist in the identification of persons who commit such crimes. To avoid the necessity of constantly updating a technology-based regulation, the FDIC takes a flexible approach to implementing this statute. It requires each insured nonmember bank to designate a security officer who will administer a written security program. The security program must: (1) Establish procedures for opening and closing for business and for safekeeping valuables; (2) establish procedures that will assist in identifying persons committing crimes against the bank; (3) provide for initial and periodic training of employees in their responsibilities under the security program; and (4) provide for selecting, testing, operating and maintaining security devices as prescribed in the regulation. In addition, the FDIC requires the security officer to report at least annually to the bank's board of directors on the effectiveness of the security program.

There is no change in the method or substance of the collection. The FDIC estimates that the number of respondents will decrease due to economic fluctuations from 3,629 to 3,533. The annual burden for this information collection is estimated to be 1,766.5 hours. This represents a

decrease of 48.5 hours from the current burden estimate of 1,815 hours.

Request for Comment: Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the FDIC's functions, including whether the information has practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the estimates of the burden of the information collection, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology. All comments will become a matter of public record.

Dated at Washington, DC, on February 8, 2019.

Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.

Robert E. Feldman,
Executive Secretary.

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FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION

RIN 3064–ZA03

Extension of Comment Period for the Request for Information on the FDIC's Deposit Insurance Application Process

AGENCY: Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC).

ACTION: Notice and request for information; extension of comment period.

SUMMARY: The FDIC is extending the public comment period for its request for information on the FDIC's deposit insurance application process until March 31, 2019.

DATES: The comment period for the notice published on December 12, 2018 (83 FR 63868), regarding the request for information on the FDIC's deposit insurance application process, is extended from February 11, 2019, to March 31, 2019.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments, identified by RIN 3064–ZA03, by any of the methods identified in the notice.¹ Please submit your comments using only one method.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On December 12, 2018, the FDIC published in the **Federal Register** a request for information seeking comments from interested parties on all aspects of the deposit insurance application process. The request is part of the FDIC's efforts to enhance transparency, efficiency, and accountability regarding the application process.

The FDIC seeks comments from interested parties on all aspects of the deposit insurance application process, including guidance and other issuances, the steps in the application process, and communications with applicants, other

¹ 83 FR 63507 (December 10, 2018).

¹ See 83 FR 63868 (December 12, 2018).

interested parties, and the general public. In addition to any general comments, the FDIC invites comments in response to the specific topics and questions presented in the request for information.

The extension of the comment period will allow interested parties additional time to prepare comments and provide meaningful feedback on the request for information. Accordingly, the comment period for the proposal is extended from February 11, 2019, to March 31, 2019.

Dated at Washington, DC, on February 7, 2019.

Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.

Robert E. Feldman,

Executive Secretary.

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FEDERAL MEDIATION AND CONCILIATION SERVICE

Agency Information Collection Activities; Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service (FMCS), as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public to take this opportunity to comment on the “Generic Clearance for the Collection of Qualitative Feedback on Agency Service Delivery” for approval under the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA). This collection was developed as part of a Federal Government-wide effort to streamline the process for seeking feedback from the public on service delivery. This notice announces our intent to submit this collection to OMB for approval and solicits comments on specific aspects for the proposed information collection.

DATES: Written comments are due by April 15, 2019.

ADDRESSES: Send comments to: Jeannette Walters-Marquez, Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service, 250 E Street SW, Washington, DC 20427, telephone and fax (202) 606-5488, or send via email to jwmarquez@fmcs.gov. Comments may also be sent by electronic mail message over the internet via the Federal eRulemaking Portal. See Federal eRulemaking Portal website (<http://www.regulations.gov>) for instructions on providing comments via the Federal Rulemaking Portal.

All comments will be available for inspection at 250 E Street SW, Washington, DC 20427, Room 7113 (Reading Room) from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For specific questions related to collection activities, please contact Jeannette Walters-Marquez, 202-606-5488, jwmarquez@fmcs.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Comments submitted in response to this notice may be made available to the public through posting on a government website. For this reason, please do not include in your comments information of a confidential nature, such as sensitive personal information or proprietary information. If you send an email comment, your email address will be automatically captured and included as part of the comment that is placed in the public docket and made available on the internet. Please note that responses to this public comment request containing any routine notice about the confidentiality of the communication will be treated as public comments that may be made available to the public notwithstanding the inclusion of the routine notice.

The proposed information collection activity provides a means to garner qualitative customer and stakeholder feedback in an efficient, timely manner, in accordance with the Administration’s commitment to improving service delivery. By qualitative feedback we mean information that provides useful insights on perceptions and opinions, but are not statistical surveys that yield quantitative results that can be generalized to the population of study. This feedback will provide insights into customer or stakeholder perceptions, experiences and expectations, provide an early warning of issues with service, or focus attention on areas where communication, training or changes in operations might improve delivery of products or services. These collections will allow for ongoing, collaborative and actionable communications between the Agency and its customers and stakeholders. It will also allow feedback to contribute directly to the improvement of program management.

The solicitation of feedback will target areas such as: Timeliness, appropriateness, accuracy of information, courtesy, efficiency of service delivery, and resolution of issues with service delivery. Responses will be assessed to plan and inform efforts to improve or maintain the quality of service offered to the public. If this information is not collected, vital

feedback from customers and stakeholders on the Agency’s services will be unavailable.

The Agency will only submit a collection for approval under this generic clearance if it meets the following conditions:

- The collections are voluntary;
- The collections are low-burden for respondents (based on considerations of total burden hours, total number of respondents, or burden-hours per respondent) and are low-cost for both the respondents and the Federal Government;
- The collections are non-controversial and do not raise issues of concern to other Federal agencies;
- Any collection is targeted to the solicitation of opinions from respondents who have experience with the program or may have experience with the program in the near future;
- Personally identifiable information (PII) is collected only to the extent necessary and is not retained;
- Information gathered is used only internally for general service improvement and program management purposes and is not intended for release outside of the agency;
- Information gathered is not used for the purpose of substantially informing influential policy decisions; and
- Information gathered yields qualitative information; the collections are not designed or expected to yield statistically reliable results or used as though the results are generalizable to the population of study.

Feedback collected under this generic clearance provides useful information, but it does not yield data that can be generalized to the overall population. This type of generic clearance for qualitative information will not be used for quantitative information collections that are designed to yield reliably actionable results, such as monitoring trends over time or documenting program performance. Such data uses require more rigorous designs that address: The target population to which generalizations will be made, the sampling frame, the sample design (including stratification and clustering), the precision requirements or power calculations that justify the proposed sample size, the expected response rate, methods for assessing potential non-response bias, the protocols for data collection, and any testing procedures that were or will be undertaken prior to fielding the study. Depending on the degree of influence the results are likely to have, such collections may still be eligible for submission for other generic mechanisms that are designed to yield quantitative results.